

SENATOR TO ASK INQUIRY ON C.I.A.

McCarthy Backs Creation of a Select Committee

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 5—
Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of
Minnesota said today that he
would ask the Senate to create
a nine-member select commit-
tee for "a full and complete
investigation" of the Central
Intelligence Agency.

The Senator, a long-time
critic of the secret agency who
has proposed similar investiga-
tions before, said in a statement
released by his office today that
"The role of the C.I.A. in the
Dominican Republic, Vietnam,
Cuba and a number of other
critical areas has raised serious
questions about the relationship
of the agency to the process of
making and directing foreign
policy."

Mr. McCarthy declared that
"there is some evidence that
the C.I.A. has expanded its sta-
tutory purpose of correlation
and evaluation of intelligence
to broader fields."

"In any case," he said, "un-
dercover and paramilitary op-
erations have a direct bearing
on foreign policy and indirectly
on the constitutional responsi-
bility of Congress for defense
and war."

Will Act in January

He intends to introduce a res-
olution to create a Select Com-
mittee on Foreign Intelligence
when Congress comes back to
work in January. The commit-
tee would be required to report
its findings and recommenda-
tions on the C.I.A. no later than
Jan. 31, 1967.

Reached by telephone tonight,

the Senator said he had been
proposing a review of the agen-
cy's activities "ever since I en-
tered the House of Representa-
tives." He has been a member
of Congress since 1949.

He said he felt that "chances
of this resolution for success
might be greater than chances
of support for a joint watchdog
committee" of both houses of
Congress, which he has pressed
for in the past.

In 1963 Mr. McCarthy pro-
posed the creation both of a
Senate select committee and a
joint watchdog committee. The
latter would oversee the opera-
tions of the intelligence agency.

'Never Brought Up'

Those two proposals, he re-
called, "were never brought up
in committee or on the floor."

In his statement the Demo-
cratic Senator declared that "it
is necessary that the C.I.A. have
the full confidence and under-
standing of the Congress." He
said that all other Federal agen-
cies were regularly subject to
review, "principally on a year-
to-year basis."

"Because of the necessity for
secrecy in the work of the
C.I.A., the normal procedure of
Congress for review cannot be
applied," he said.

The C.I.A. was established
under the National Security Act
of 1947. The normal cloak-and-
dagger operations of a secret
agency have been expanded to
such areas as U-2 aerial recon-
naissance and the direction of
such essentially military opera-
tions as the invasion of Cuba in
1961.

The invasion's failure was
widely attributed to a faulty
C.I.A. estimate that the Cuban
people were ready to revolt
against Premier Fidel Castro.

"Because there has been no
formal review of the activities
of the C.I.A. by members of
Congress," Mr. McCarthy said,
"it has not been possible to de-
termine the validity of the criti-
cisms or to prevent distortions
or to dispel rumors."

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